

THE REPORT  
OF THE  
PRESIDENT  
OF  
QUEEN'S COLLEGE, GALWAY,  
FOR  
THE SESSION 1887-88.

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TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Parliament founding the Queen's Colleges, I have the honour of submitting to Your Majesty the following Report of the proceedings and condition of the Queen's College, Galway, for the Session 1887-88.

In the returns, which are furnished every year in the Appendix to the Report, detailed information will be found of the condition and working of the College in each year since it was opened for the reception of Students in 1849. In former Reports I have felt myself at liberty, if not bound, to advert to some additional topics which appeared to me of public interest and importance, as bearing on the history of University Education in Ireland. It is not my intention now to go over the same ground, and to recount the same particulars; but a brief recapitulation may be allowed. The public cannot be expected to bear in mind the details of an annual statement, and results cannot be fairly appreciated without taking into consideration the obstacles that have been encountered.

It is needless to observe that the wealth, population, and extent of preparatory education that are found to exist in the town and neighbourhood where a University College is established, will largely influence the growth and progress of the institution. Colleges planted in populous and thriving localities are at once frequented by numerous students, who live in their own homes and are not obliged to incur the expense of travelling to, and residing in, a distant locality. The Galway College, placed in the centre of a province in a marked degree behind the rest of the Kingdom in wealth, was yet able to exhibit for several successive years a steady accession to the numbers of its students, and evidence of growing public confidence and support. The students in the Session 1870-1 numbered 123; in the Session 1880-1 there were 208 students in daily attendance in its Lecture-rooms. The numerical total is, I admit, not very imposing, nor do I say that the result realized all that our sanguine aspirations after educational advancement and national improvement might have

tempted us to anticipate, but it was reached by steady and solid progress; and I will venture to say that, taking into consideration the position of the College, the pursuits, state of preliminary education, and the material condition of the people, the College may justly claim to have achieved a large measure of success, even if judged by the number of its students, while the efficiency of its educational system has been generally recognized. It is well known that the percentage of success has borne a large proportion to the number of the students. In all departments of professional life they have been able to hold their own with the graduates of any University, while in the great public competitions of the educated youth of the empire their success has been conspicuous. In the Report of the last Commission of Inquiry (that of 1884) into the condition and working of the Queen's Colleges, the Commissioners, having given an enumeration of the practical results of the system of education maintained in the College, concluded with the following expression of opinion:—that it is “a record to which any College would be entitled to point with legitimate gratification.” As this report was passing through the Press two gentlemen who received their entire University education in this College were honoured with high distinctions by the Crown. Anthony Patrick MacDonnell, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, was nominated a Companion of the Order of the Star of India; and the Honorable Raymond West, Judge of the Supreme Court, Bombay, and Member of the Council of the Governor of Bombay, was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire. Progress was suddenly arrested in the Session 1882-3, and the College has not since regained the position it previously occupied. This interruption I have in former Reports traced mainly to the dissolution of the University organization of which the College formed a part; the pecuniary pressure on that class of the community from which the College chiefly derives its support—arising from the general depression in trade and agriculture—could not fail also to produce a considerable effect, which, I trust, is but temporary. I shall only add that the system of education which proved so effective in the past shall be maintained with unabated vigour in the time to come; and I should be slow to relinquish the hope that the College, participating in the general improvement of the country, of which signs are now beginning to manifest themselves, will yet resume its former career of progress and public usefulness.

The Library and Museums are in a satisfactory condition, and are, in many sections of their respective subjects, most valuable collections. A Supplement to the Library Catalogue has been completed. During the time occupied in the printing of the same, the books in every department, excepting those of Greek and Latin, have passed through hand, have been replaced in new order, and every volume has been numbered afresh. The departments of Greek and Latin will be attended to without delay.

Great additions have been recently made to the Museums in

connection with the departments of Physics, Natural History, and Physiology, which may now be said to be in a perfect state of efficiency for teaching purposes.

The Botanical Garden, which was commenced at the suggestion of the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, is improving every year. At present, it is a great advantage to our Students, and an ornament to the grounds.

It has afforded the College Council great pleasure to forward, by request, to the Irish Exhibition in London a considerable number of specimens, Geological and Mineralogical, illustrating the Geological peculiarities and potential resources of the West of Ireland. The department in our Geological Museum, illustrative of Connemara in particular, was arranged by the late Professor King, and is, of its kind, unique.

Lady-pupils, as Matriculated and Non-Matriculated Students, are attending our class-rooms in the departments of English Literature, Modern Languages, Mathematics, and Physics. In deference to requests from many quarters, our Examination Hall was put at the service of Mr. Hamilton, an artist of ability; and his classes in Drawing and Painting have been attended by a considerable number of ladies connected with our local families.

The Authorities and Students of our College were honoured by courteous invitations from the Authorities and Students, respectively, of the University of Bologna, to send delegates to the approaching Octingentenary of that University. The Corporate Body elected Dr. Allman, F.R.S., Professor of Mathematics, as their Representative.

I may be permitted to mention that I have had the honour of being nominated by the Royal University of Ireland, as one of two delegates, to represent that University at the Bologna Commemoration. I think I am justified in considering that my appointment to such a representative position is a proof that the Queen's Colleges are working in cordial unison with the feelings and sentiments of that vast body of my countrymen in whose interests the Royal University was founded.

Testified by Your Majesty's dutiful servant,

THOMAS W. MOFFETT, *President.*

9th June, 1888.





## APPENDIX.

## APPENDIX A.

I.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of STUDENTS who entered QUEEN'S COLLEGE, GALWAY, in the SESSION 1887-88.

	Matriculated.	Non-Matriculated.	Total.
Church of Ireland, . . . . .	3	4	7
Roman Catholics, . . . . .	13	—	13
Presbyterians, . . . . .	11	—	11
Wesleyan Methodists, . . . . .	2	—	2
Total, . . . . .	29	4	33

With regard to religious denominations, I have classified the Students as they designate themselves in the forms filled up at entrance.

II.—RETURN showing the TOTAL NUMBER of STUDENTS in attendance during the SESSION 1887-88, their RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS, and their Distribution among the FACULTIES.

FACULTIES.	Church of Ireland.	Roman Catholics.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyan Methodists.	Independents.	Baptist.	Total.
Arts, . . . . .	5	10	29	2	1	—	47
Law, . . . . .	2	4	1	—	—	—	7
Medicine, . . . . .	8	17	13	1	1	—	40
Engineering, . . . . .	3	4	4	1	—	—	12
Occasional, . . . . .	—	2	2	—	—	—	4
	18	37	49	4	2	—	110
Deduct— Attending in two Faculties, . . . . .	1	1	6	1	1	—	10
Total separate Individuals, . . . . .	17	36	43	3	1	—	100

## III.—NUMBERS AND RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF STUDENTS who have entered the Queen's College, Galway, in each year from its opening.

Session.	Matriculated Students.	Non-Matriculated Students.	Total.	Members of Church of Ireland.	Roman Catholics.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyan Methodists.	Independents.	Various.	Total.
1849-50, . . .	64	4	68	24	38	6	-	-	-	68
1850-51, . . .	28	3	30	10	9	7	-	-	-	28
1851-52, . . .	31	5	36	13	21	2	-	-	-	36
1852-53, . . .	31	2	33	8	12	3	-	-	-	23
1853-54, . . .	26	5	30	12	15	8	-	-	-	30
1854-55, . . .	26	15	41	18	18	3	2	-	-	41
1855-56, . . .	32	7	39	14	15	8	1	1	-	39
1856-57, . . .	35	8	43	15	22	3	1	1	1	43
1857-58, . . .	35	7	42	16	17	3	-	1	-	42
1858-59, . . .	44	4	48	20	19	7	2	-	-	48
1859-60, . . .	35	5	40	12	25	1	-	1	1	40
1860-61, . . .	*50	1	51	18	33	12	2	-	-	60
1861-62, . . .	†52	3	55	21	35	6	-	-	-	62
1862-63, . . .	60	4	64	18	27	18	1	-	2	64
1863-64, . . .	64	5	69	20	24	11	2	4	1	69
1864-65, . . .	58	12	70	26	28	13	-	2	1	70
1865-66, . . .	46	3	49	16	19	10	3	-	1	49
1866-67, . . .	42	2	44	14	18	7	3	2	-	44
1867-68, . . .	†44	3	47	14	20	11	2	-	-	47
1868-69, . . .	†56	4	60	20	24	15	1	-	-	60
1869-70, . . .	49	5	54	20	25	8	2	-	1	54
1870-71, . . .	52	6	58	22	23	12	-	1	-	58
1871-72, . . .	†64	1	65	19	31	11	3	1	-	65
1872-73, . . .	55	4	59	17	24	14	1	2	1	59
1873-74, . . .	†80	3	83	27	31	21	3	1	-	83
1874-75, . . .	67	7	74	24	35	14	1	-	-	74
1875-76, . . .	†81	10	91	21	35	31	3	1	-	91
1876-77, . . .	†61	4	65	26	34	21	3	-	1	85
1877-78, . . .	67	8	75	10	23	29	3	-	-	73
1878-79, . . .	†84	4	88	24	35	24	3	3	-	88
1879-80, . . .	96	3	99	27	33	22	3	1	1	99
1880-81, . . .	†96	9	105	24	41	39	1	-	-	105
1881-82, . . .	†73	3	76	16	35	21	4	-	1	81
1882-83, . . .	81	3	84	7	18	11	-	-	1	84
1883-84, . . .	28	4	32	3	13	14	1	-	1	32
1884-85, . . .	34	3	37	14	10	17	1	-	-	42
1885-86, . . .	23	3	26	5	14	11	1	-	-	31
1886-87, . . .	†40	3	43	8	20	15	-	-	-	43
1887-88, . . .	29	4	33	7	18	11	2	-	-	33
Total, . . .	1,560	202	1,762	633	933	500	60	22	14	1,762

\* Including three who had previously been in attendance as non-matriculated students.

† Including two who had previously been in attendance as non-matriculated students.

‡ Including one who had previously been in attendance as a non-matriculated student.

IV.—NUMBERS AND RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF STUDENTS attending Lectures in the Queen's College, Galway, in each Session from its opening.

Session.	Matriculated Students.	Non-Matriculated Students.	Total.	Members of Church of Ireland.	Roman Catholics.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyan Methodists.	Independents.	Various.	Total.
1849-50, . . .	64	4	68	24	38	6	-	-	-	68
1850-51, . . .	60	3	63	22	26	13	-	-	-	63
1851-52, . . .	68	5	73	25	41	7	-	-	-	73
1852-53, . . .	73	2	75	26	40	9	-	-	-	75
1853-54, . . .	78	3	81	30	42	9	-	-	-	81
1854-55, . . .	69	16	85	32	46	5	2	-	-	85
1855-56, . . .	78	9	87	26	42	14	3	2	-	87
1856-57, . . .	88	8	96	30	49	10	3	3	1	96
1857-58, . . .	92	8	100	31	47	16	3	2	1	100
1858-59, . . .	113	9	122	37	64	16	4	1	1	122
1859-60, . . .	111	7	118	31	69	11	2	2	3	118
1860-61, . . .	141	3	144	33	83	19	3	2	2	144
1861-62, . . .	148	6	154	39	91	19	3	1	-	153
1862-63, . . .	161	4	165	33	93	32	2	-	3	165
1863-64, . . .	160	6	166	41	91	26	3	4	1	166
1864-65, . . .	167	12	169	60	78	31	2	6	2	169
1865-66, . . .	139	5	144	33	71	29	4	4	3	144
1866-67, . . .	133	2	135	36	62	27	4	5	1	135
1867-68, . . .	124	3	127	34	54	39	3	4	-	127
1868-69, . . .	146	4	150	47	63	34	2	4	-	150
1869-70, . . .	150	8	158	42	66	24	2	3	1	158
1870-71, . . .	116	8	123	37	62	20	-	4	-	123
1871-72, . . .	139	2	141	31	79	28	4	2	-	141
1872-73, . . .	133	3	136	28	68	35	3	3	1	138
1873-74, . . .	152	4	156	35	77	38	5	1	-	156
1874-75, . . .	149	6	155	37	71	40	4	3	-	155
1875-76, . . .	158	11	167	28	63	50	3	4	-	167
1876-77, . . .	166	9	174	26	89	63	4	2	-	174
1877-78, . . .	166	9	175	36	73	61	5	-	-	175
1878-79, . . .	162	5	167	29	68	64	3	3	-	167
1879-80, . . .	176	4	180	29	72	63	9	1	-	180
1880-81, . . .	201	7	208	34	87	78	9	-	-	208
1881-82, . . .	192	9	201	41	83	66	10	-	-	201
1882-83, . . .	141	3	144	28	67	44	4	-	1	144
1883-84, . . .	99	4	103	15	46	40	2	1	-	103
1884-85, . . .	95	5	100	21	27	48	2	1	1	100
1885-86, . . .	85	9	94	19	29	42	8	-	1	94
1886-87, . . .	99	4	103	18	58	45	2	-	-	103
1887-88, . . .	96	5	100	17	55	43	3	1	-	100

V.—RETURN showing the LOCALITY of STUDENTS present during the Session 1887-88, according to Provinces, and from elsewhere than Ireland.

	Students.
Province of Connaught, . . . . .	53
„ Munster, . . . . .	6
„ Ulster, . . . . .	38
„ Leinster, . . . . .	2
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	99
From England, . . . . .	1
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Total, . . . . .	100

VI.—RETURN showing the AVERAGE AGE of the STUDENTS present during the Session 1887-88.

Age.	Students.	Age.	Students.
Under 17 years, . . . . .	—	20 and under 21, . . . . .	17
17 and under 18, . . . . .	12	Above 21 years, . . . . .	40
18 „ 19, . . . . .	8		<hr/>
19 „ 20, . . . . .	23		100

VII.—TABLE containing the NAMES of the several SUBJECTS Lectured upon during the Session 1887-88, the NUMBER of LECTURES given on each Subject, and the NUMBER of STUDENTS attending the Classes in each Subject.

	No. of Lectures on each Subject.	No. of Students attending the Classes in each Subject.
Greek, . . . . .	256	16
Latin, . . . . .	258	26
Mathematics, . . . . .	204	30
Natural Philosophy, . . . . .	301	40
English Language, . . . . .	37	16
„ Literature, . . . . .	101	7
Metaphysics, . . . . .	43	2
Logic, . . . . .	56	8
History, . . . . .	49	1
Chemistry—Theoretical, . . . . .	67	19
„ Practical, . . . . .	40	25
Botany and Zoology, . . . . .	58	16
Mineralogy and Geology, . . . . .	74	3
Modern Languages, . . . . .	304	29
Political Economy, . . . . .	37	1
Jurisprudence and Civil Law, . . . . .	49	7
English Law, . . . . .	47	6
Anatomy and Physiology, . . . . .	89	22
„ „ Practical, . . . . .	90	34
Medicine, . . . . .	52	8
Surgery, . . . . .	48	7
Materia Medica, . . . . .	40	18
Midwifery, . . . . .	49	1
Medical Jurisprudence, . . . . .	39	4
Engineering and Drawing, . . . . .	251	12

VIII.—NAMES of STUDENTS of QUEEN'S COLLEGE, GALWAY, who obtained DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, and HONOURS at the EXAMINATIONS of the ROYAL UNIVERSITY of IRELAND, in JUNE and OCTOBER COMMENCEMENTS in 1887.

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FACTULTY OF ARTS.

*Degree of M.A.*

James M. Keegan, Second Class Honours in Experimental Science.  
Moses Henry. | Robert McElney.

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*Degree of B.A.*

William J. McKee, Second Class Honours in Ancient Classics.  
Atwell Thompson, Second Class Honours in Mathematical Science.

*Passed.*

Andrew G. Davidson (Cork and Galway).		William Moody (Belfast and Galway).
John E. Cairnes.		David Morton (Belfast and Galway).
David Card.		
Robert J. Charlton.		

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*Second University Examination in Arts.*

William Kennedy, First Class Honours in Latin, Second in Greek, Second in English, Second in Logic, and Second Class Exhibition, £20.  
Cuthbert Thompson (Magee College and Q.C., Galway), Second Class Honours in Experimental Physics.

*Passed.*

Charles Douglas.		Albert J. Irwin.
Thomas E. Finucane.		Michael T. Maxwell.
Thomas A. Hall.		William C. Millar.
Nicholas J. M. Hession.		Robert J. Sempie.

*First University Examination in Arts.*

William J. Gannon (First Class Honours in French, Second Class Honours in Mathematics, Second Class Honours in English, and Second Class Exhibition, £16).

*Passed.*

Christopher L. Bunton.		William J. McAskie.
Alexander F. Clarke.		John S. Thompson.
Andrew Gailey.		William Keers.
William H. Gillespie.		Joseph P. Maguire.
Charles Kidd.		James P. Rice.
Thomas J. Connolly.		

## FACULTY OF LAW.

*Degree of LL.B.*

William Brown, M.A. (First Class Honours, and Second Class Exhibition, value £25).

William John Miller, Second Class Honours.

*Passed.*

Joseph Smith, B.A.

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

*Degree of M.B.*

Joseph Stewart (Second Class Exhibition, value £25, and Second Class Honours).

*Upper Pass.*

John M. Macnamara, B.A. (Cork and Galway).

Matthew Purcell (Cork and Galway, and C. University).

John M'Elwee (Galway and Carmichael College).

*M.Ch. Degree.*

John M. Macnamara (Cork and Galway).

Matthew Purcell (Cork and Galway).

Joseph Stewart, First Class Honours and Special Prize of £20.

John M'Elwee, Second Class Honours.

*Degree of Master of Obstetrics.*

Eaton W. Waters, M.B., Second Class  
Honours.

Joseph Stewart.

## SECOND UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.

*Upper Pass.*

Joseph Macnamara.

Joseph Eldon.

*Pass.*

Andrew McFarland.

William M'Callin.

Joseph J. Loftus.

## FIRST UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.

*Upper Pass.*

Henry W. H. O'Reilly.

John Rusk, B.A.

*Pass.*

John C. Longbridge.

John Martin.

Patrick Crowley.

William Moody.

John A. Adams.

Christopher L. Bunton.

Samuel Hamilton.

Charles H. Foley.

James M. Keegan, B.A. (Galway  
and Cork).

Edwin Hegan.  
Walter Farrington.

# APPENDIX B.

RETURN showing LIST of PROFESSORS and OFFICERS in the COLLEGE, DATES of APPOINTMENTS, their SALARIES, and EMPLOYMENTS as RESPECTIVE UNIVERSITY BURSARIES or from COLLEGE FUNDS.

Posts.	Date of Appointment of present Professors.	Salary from Endowment of Chair.	Emoluments.				Observations.
			Tuition in University Lectures.	Other Fees, Sumas 1847-48.			
The Professor of Greek,	November, 1844,	£ 350	50	25	0	0	The College Council allowed to the Professor of Midwifery a stipend of £20 for lecturing in Medical Jurisprudence, and a like sum to the Professor of Chemistry as joint lecturer in same subject. Also a sum of £15 12s. to the Professor of Practice of Medicine for lectures on Pathology.
"    Latin,	December, 1843,	350	—	25	0	0	
"    Mathematics,	December, 1845,	350	50	25	0	0	
"    Natural Philosophy,	December, 1845,	350	—	75	0	0	
"    History, English Literature, and Mental Science,	August, 1845,	350 12 6	50	41	0	0	
"    Chemistry,	April, 1846,	350	50	54	0	0	
"    Natural History,	November, 1845,	350	—	55	0	0	
"    Mineralogy and Geology,							
"    Modern Languages,	July, 1845,	350	—	55	0	0	
"    Jurisprudence and Political Economy,	March, 1845,	150	—	11	0	0	
"    English Law,	February, 1845,	150	50	5	0	0	
"    Anatomy and Physiology,	November, 1845,	350	—	175	0	0	
"    Practice of Medicine,	November, 1845,	150	—	11	0	0	
"    Practice of Surgery,	January, 1846,	150	—	5	0	0	
"    Marine Medicine,	February, 1845,	150	—	54	0	0	
"    Midwifery,	October, 1845,	150	—	5	0	0	
"    Civil Engineering,	November, 1845,	300	—	55	0	0	
Lecturers on Medical Jurisprudence,	—	—	—	5	0	0	
Greece,		Greece,					
The Registrar,	March, 1846,	15	—	—			
The Bursar,	October, 1844,	15	—	—			
The Acting Librarian,	December, 1845,	15	—	—			

\* This sum was paid to the Professor of Midwifery and Chemistry who was joint Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence.





C.

COLLEGE, for the year ended 31st March, 1888.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, &c., paid out of Permanent Grant, viz. :—							
President, Professors, and Officers,		4,562	8	5			
Scholarships, Prizes, and Exhibitions,		1,353	10	0			
Minor Officers, Porters, and Servants,		493	7	10			
					6,408	4	5
Library (£2406 2s. 6d.) :—							
Ancient and Modern Languages,		188	11	0			
Mathematical and Physical Sciences,		81	10	7			
Natural Sciences,		65	18	2			
Engineering,		20	11	10			
Medical Sciences,		88	4	8			
Mental and Legal Sciences,		30	1	4			
General Library,		8	8	4			
Binding and Printing,		53	16	8			
Apparatus, Diagrams, Materials for Laboratory, &c. (£2310 15s. 6d.) :—							
Chemical Laboratory,		14	19	5			
Physical Cabinet,		88	19	4			
Engineering—Diagrams, &c.,		53	8	7			
Medical Faculty—Apparatus, &c.,		201	4	8			
Museum of Natural History,		115	13	7			
Museum of Medical Sciences,		53	14	4			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising,		153	11	10			
Heating and Lighting,		191	9	8			
Botanic Garden and Grounds,		196	4	8			
Miscellaneous (£297 5s. 7d.) :—							
Porters' Clothing,		38	0	8			
Water Supply,		13	17	2			
Incidental Expenses—Postage, Carriage, &c.		38	0	9			
Insurance,		12	7	9			
Law Expenses,		—					
					1,656	14	2
Professors' Class Fees,					691	7	5
Endowments, invested in Three per Cent. Stock,					—		
Special Expenses (out of Donation),					—		
Library Deposits Repaid,					23	0	0
Purchase of Land (Moiety of Purchase Money),					—		
Payments out of College Fees (£17 14s. 3d.) :—							
Stipend to College Auditor,		12	12	0			
Petty Disbursements,		4	18	3			
					17	19	3
Payments (out of Miscellaneous Receipts) for Lectures on							
Pathology,		15	14	0			
And for Lectures on Medical Jurisprudence,		40	0	0			
					55	14	0
Balance on 31st March, 1888, viz. :—							
General Account,		995	8	5			
Special Account,		—					
Library Deposits,		46	0	0			
					1,041	8	5
TOTAL,					210,479	10	8

In addition to the Cash Balance, there is standing to the credit of the College the sum of £1,001 15s. 6d., New Three per Cent. Stock. Also a sum of £1,400 further investment—Out of Endowment Fund.

The accounts of the College up to 31st March, 1888, have been examined, and found correct, by the College Auditor.

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